

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A method of printing comprising the steps of  
loading an ink-jet printer with an ink-jet receiver comprising a voided polymer ink-receiving layer;  
printing an image onto ~~the~~ said ink-jet receiver using said printer to generate a print; and  
applying pressure and/or heat to ~~the~~ said print thereby improving the surface properties.
2. (currently amended) A The method ~~as claimed in of~~ Claim 1, wherein the application of pressure and/or heat to ~~the~~ said print reduces the roughness and increases the gloss of the surface of ~~the~~ said print.
3. (currently amended) A The method ~~as claimed in of~~ Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~, wherein ~~the~~ said voided polymer ink-receiving layer is a foamed polymer ink-receiving layer.
4. (currently amended) A The method ~~as claimed in of~~ Claim 3, wherein ~~the~~ said polymer is a hydrophilic polymer.
5. (currently amended) A The method ~~as claimed in of~~ Claim 4, wherein ~~the~~ said polymer is selected from polyvinyl alcohol (PVA), polyethylene oxide (PEO), polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP) and gelatin.

6. (currently amended) A The method ~~as claimed in~~ of Claim 4 ~~or Claim 5~~, wherein ~~the~~ said ink-jet receiver is obtainable by coating a support with a solution comprising a said hydrophilic polymer and a blowing agent; and, either prior to or after the step of coating said support, interacting with said solution, to cause said blowing agent to generate gas bubbles within ~~the~~ said solution causing foaming of said hydrophilic polymer.

7. (currently amended) A The method ~~as claimed in~~ of Claim 6, wherein the step of interacting with ~~the~~ said solution is performed after coating of ~~the~~ said solution onto ~~the~~ said support and comprises applying heat to said solution.

8. (currently amended) A The method ~~as claimed in~~ of Claim 6 ~~or Claim 7~~, wherein the proportion by weight of said blowing agent to said polymer is ~~from~~ from about 10% to about 60%.

9. (currently amended) A The method ~~as claimed in any one of the preceding claims~~ of Claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ said application of pressure and/or heat to ~~the~~ said print is carried out using a fusing device.

10. (currently amended) An ink-jet print obtainable by the method of ~~any one of~~ Claims 1. ~~to 9~~.

11. (currently amended) Use of a fusing device to improve the surface properties and/or image properties of an ink-jet print formed on an ink-jet receiver comprising a foamed polymer ink-receiving layer by applying heat and/or pressure to the surface of said print.